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HARTFORD GETS FINANCIAL BOOST FROM FEDS GRANT APPROVED TO HIRE 10 POLICE OFFICERS

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(September 29, 2011) --- Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra received the good news from the U.S. Justice Department that its COPS Office has approved funding for 10 officer positions for the Hartford Police Department under the 2011 COPS Hiring Program (CHP). The estimated amount of the three-year grant is more than \$1.9 million. CHP funding is designed to hire or rehire full-time sworn officers for state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies nationwide.

"This is critical funding for the city during this economic downturn. Recovery is all about jobs and funding public safety positions in particular helps the enforcement of quality of life issues and the strengthening of Neighborhood Policing. We accept this funding to ensure that people are and feel safe in our city. Federal dollars don't come easily, so let me pause and thank our DC Delegation of Senators Blumenthal, Lieberman and Congressman Larson for believing in and supporting Hartford," said Mayor Segarra.

"These new police boots on the ground are well deserved and much needed for public safety in our capital city. Fighting crime and violence in Hartford is supremely worthy of federal help - for the sake of residents and visitors, and especially Hartford's children," said U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal.

"This grant could not come at a more important time. With State and Municipal governments being forced to make budget cuts, this grant will give the Hartford Police Department the crucial aid they need right now," said Congressman John Larson.

Hartford Police Chief Daryl K. Roberts also thanked Connecticut Senators Lieberman and Blumenthal and Congressman Larson for their support resulting in the awarding of this grant to fund additional police officers, "As the department continues to feel the impact of attrition and scarce financial resources at the local level, federal support is more critical than ever in maintaining an adequate number of police officers to ensure public safety and the continued implementation of the HPD's Neighborhood Policing Plan."

The CHP grant award start date is September 1, 2011. That means agencies can be reimbursed for expenditures made on or after this date. The COPS Office awarded 238 of these grants totaling approximately \$240 million.